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WISE WORDS

Look back for inspiration and look forward for progress.

EDITORIAL

This special issue is being brought out to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Diamond Jubilee of the State Council of our Association. The assiduous task of going through the old records and collect relevant information was kindly undertaken by Dr. S. B. Kousik and rightly too since he is our Hd. Qrs. Commissioner for research and Development. An intensive reading of this 'write up' will, we are sure, appraise our members of the present Movement to know the various changes that have taken place not only in name but other aspects and surely would inspire all concerned, to remember the notable part played in building up the organisation in our State by our esteemed elders (many of them now of revered memory) of various social standing to whose untiring efforts and dedicated service, the chain remained unbroken. Let us march forward for good Scouting and Guiding, for years to come.

After the concluding lines by Dr. Kausik, the following may be added:-

Incidentally, it might interest our readers to know that originally the Scout Headquarters was situated in Tippu Sultan's Palace, Fort, Bangalore, then moved on to the present building and first floor was added on. While the Girl Guide Headquarters remained in Seshadri Road, Bangalore with its spacious compound which aptly suited the Guide wing to conduct training camps, the location was exclusive though the building and its surroundings were in the city devoid of dust and in which has considerably increased now-a-days. The Guide wing remained at 'Shanti Gruha', adjacent to Maharani's College, Palace Road, until it moved to the Scout Headquarters compound and occupied the Scout Den, which building was put up to house the various open units which met at Scout Headquarters. Also, our present 'Besant Park', was known as Central Scout camp for several years, the well equipped State camping centre for Scouts and Guides. The latest development being the establishment of another camping centre at Kondajji, Davangere Taluk.

Mrs. FRANK, C. IRWIN was contacted by post by Sri M. Venkatakrihsnappa, Leader Trainer Cubs of our State, during his visit to Canada and Mrs. Irwin felt proud of the fact that her late husband was remembered and she furnished the address of her son and daughter. Sri M. V. K. contacted Mr. Donald Irwin on the phone. In the course of the letter Mrs. Irwin wrote to Mr. M. V. K. that the photo of the Maharaja of Mysore, in a beautifully carved frame, was hung in her house.

Right from the year 1910 Frank C. Irwin was connected with the Movement in one capacity or the other and the last post held by him was as the Provincial Executive Commissioner for Ontario. It is heartening to learn that during the term of his office the strength rose from 7,000 to 70,000 Scout In paying tribute to Frank C. Irwin the Provincial Council of Ontario in its annual report state: "Frank was an outstanding example of manhood at its best. A devoted, sincere friend with the highest concept of personal, service. He was a pattern and an Ideal Scouter in whose footprints all may safely follow". and concluded- "The whole family of Scouting salutes you. We will keep your memory green" and with an effort to keep the memory of Frank C. Irwin funds were collected to the extent of \$ 200 and more. He received in 1950 the Silver Wold for his Services to the Movement.

Since Frank was the first Director of *The Boy Scouts of Mysore*, that this information was made available to us by Sri Venkatakrihsnappa, who during his visit endeavoured to trace our Mr. Irwin's family, being a keen Scouter himself from the early days of the Movement, we say 'Thank You'.—Ed.

L. A. Wadiyar

The First Annual Report of the Council of the State Association, 1918-1919

The Sixtieth Annual Report, the Diamond Jubilee Year Report of the State Council of the *Bharat Scouts & Guides, Karnataka* is being presented to its members by the State Secretary at its meeting on Sunday, the 27th June 1978. In this connection it seemed appropriate that we should make available to all the members of the State Council on that day a copy of the First Annual Report of the Council, then known as the Headquarters Council by the Director of our former State Association, the *Boy Scouts of Mysore*. Mr. Frank C. Irwin, as Secretary of both the Council and of its Executive Committee presented his report at the meeting of the Council held in Mysore on the 12th June 1919. This report is published in its entirety in the following pages. The list of members of the Headquarters Council and of the Executive Committee as they existed sixty years ago is appended to the report of the Director.

S. B. Kausik

*Headquarters Commissioner for
Research and Development*

THE BOY SCOUTS OF MYSORE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

**Submitted to the Headquarters Council at
Mysore City, 12th June 1919.**

Introduction of Scouting Sanctioned by Government

After preliminary discussions in the Economic Conference Committees and elsewhere, the introduction of the Boy Scout Movement into Mysore was sanctioned by an order passed by the Government of Mysore on the 3rd October 1917.

Memorandum of Recommendations

On March 22nd 1918, having been appointed to direct the movement in the

State, the present Director arrived in Bangalore and immediately set to work to draw up a memorandum of recommendations with reference to starting Scout work. These were adopted by Government in an order passed on the 19th July 1918. Among other things, this order created a Headquarters Council and Executive Committee to encourage, supervise and control Boy Scout activities in the State. H. H. the Maharaja has since graciously given his consent to become the Patron of the organization and H. H. the Yuvaraja has similarly consented to act

as President of the Council and "Chief Scout" for Mysore.

Only one meeting of the Executive Committee was held during the year and the meeting to which this report is presented is the first meeting of the Headquarters Council.

Scoutmasters

Since March 22nd, 1919, four training classes for Scoutmasters have been held as follows:—

At Bangalore April-May 1918 attended
by 34 men;

at Mysore July, 1918 attended by
29 men;

at Bangalore April-May, 1919 two
classes attended by 70 men.

Of the 63 men trained during 1918, 39 started troops or otherwise participated in the Movement. Seven have since discontinued work, 4 because of transfer, 1 on account of sickness, 1 joined the Boy Scout Headquarters staff and 1 other was advised to give up the work owing to incompatibility. Several others who were trained had no opportunity to take an active part in the movement last year, but will participate during the new school year just beginning.

In addition to these men we have had five come to us with other training or who have taken up work without training in order to keep troops started by others from lapsing. All those are still active.

Troops

Altogether 43 troops have been formed. Of these, three have been amalgamated with other troops owing to the loss of their original Scoutmasters and two have lapsed completely because no arrangements could be made to take the places of the Scoutmasters who started them but who had to give them up.

The total number of active troops in the State is now 38.

Scouts

The number of Scouts indicated by the State Scout census of September 30th last was 834. The number of boys whose names have been registered at Headquarters as having passed their preliminary or "Tenderfoot" tests to date is 801, and it is estimated that at least another 200 have received instructions in Boy Scout work but they have not for one reason or another, been registered as members.

Many Scouts have now passed their Second Class tests and qualified for some of the Proficiency Badges but no accurate record of their number is yet available.

Government Grants to Troops

During the year troops complying with certain minimum requirements have received financial assistance from Government on the following basis:—(a) towards cost of uniforms, Rs. 4 per boy; (b) towards cost of troop equipment other than uniforms, Rs. 2 per boy; (c) towards the

cost of Scoutmaster's personal equipment Rs. 10 to each Scoutmaster. In the case of three troops in military class A. V. Schools, the grants to troops were enhanced by Rs. 3 per boy owing to the improbability of these boys securing assistance from parents or from any body of citizens.

Rules Revision

In its order of 19th July 1918, Government appointed a Boy Scout Rules Revision Committee consisting of Prof. F. R. Sell, M. A., (Chairman), J. Subramanyan Iyer, Esq., B. A., Batni Rama Rao, Esq., B. A., (since deceased) and the Director. The Committee completed its task some months later and the revised rules are now available in booklet form. ("Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Boy Scouts of Mysore," Price : annas six from Scout Headquarters).

These rules are based on the Rules of the Baden-Powell organization in England, but in revising them the publications of almost every other known Scout organization were consulted, and many Scout officers and others in Mysore and other parts of India interviewed or communicated with. The new booklet is the most complete publication of the kind yet attempted in India.

Tours

During the past year the Director visited all Scout centres in the State once and Mysore and Channapatna twice. Each Troop in Bangalore has been inspected or visited a number of times. The Assistant

Director, Mr. C. Subha Rau, visited Shimoga, Chickmagalur, Chitaldroog and Davangere in the interest of the organization.

Two visits have also been made to Scout organizations in Madras—an official visit by the Assistant Director, and an un-official visit by the Director.

Local Scout Associations

Local Scout Associations have been formed for the local supervision and encouragement of the movement at Tumkur, Chickmagalur, Davangere, Shimoga, Chitaldroog and Channapatna. In some cases however, little has been attempted or accomplished by them.

Scoutmasters' Associations

Scoutmasters' Associations or "Scoutcraft Clubs" have been formed in the cities of Bangalore and Mysore. They are intended to assist in the interchange of ideas on Scout work and to encourage combined and inter-troop activities of various kinds. The Bangalore Association has been particularly valuable to Headquarters as a forum for the discussion of new proposals with reference to Scouting throughout the State.

Publications

Since actual Scout work commenced, we have kept our Scoutmasters in touch with each other through the medium of a series of circular "Letters to Scoutmasters." These are now being expanded into a printed periodical publication the first issue of which will be published in a few days.

In December, we extended a similar service to our boys by establishing "The Mysore School and Scout Magazine" which is now run by us in co-operation with the Department of Education. This latter publication reached a circulation of 3,200 copies in April last. Although largely self-supporting more financial assistance in the form of "Patron Subscriptions" (at Rs. 2 per annum) is required in order to maintain the paper at a high standard of excellence.

Several individual troops have started typewritten or manuscript magazines during the year, and one of them, "The Young Scout," published by the 4th Bangalore (Government Collegiate High School) Troop, has developed into a printed journal, two issues having been published to date.

Publicity

The leading state newspapers, both English and Kanarese, and Madras papers circulating in Mysore have been provided from time to time with news matter concerning our work, and arrangements are now pending for the publication of a series of vernacular articles on Scouting in Kanarese papers published in the State. Addresses of a publicity nature have also been given by The Director at Tumkur, Chickmagalur, Chickballapur, Chitaldroog, Channapatna, Mysore and Davangere before both large and small audiences.

Scout Celebrations

During the past year, Boy Scouts throughout the State celebrated in fitting form His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday,

Boy Scout Anniversary Day (October 3rd), the signing of Armistices with Bulgaria, Turkey, Austria-Hungary and Germany and Sir Robert Baden-Powell's Birthday (February 22nd).

Public Services and Good Turns

Scouts are encouraged to be modest about their little daily good turns and public services, but despite modesty dozens have been reported to Headquarters in one way or another. These include not only such little things as removing stones and glass from the road or playing field, but also saving life, even at the personal risk of the Scouts concerned. The services rendered by Scouts in connection with the Influenza epidemic, an adequate account of which would fill columns, have been gratefully acknowledged by various Government officials, municipal councils and private relief organizations.

Scoutmasters' Library

A circulating library of books on Scouting has been started for the benefit of the Scoutmasters who are now making a very liberal use of it. The establishment of this little library was made possible by a generous donation of books sent from Boy Scout Headquarters in London, England at the instance of Mr. Kenneth J. Saunders, a former Secretary of the Bangalore Y. M. C. A.

Scout Badges

His Highness the Maharaja was pleased to approve some months ago of a design for a Boy Scout emblem for Mysore.

This has now been made up in the form of metal badges for registered Scouts and will later be made available in embroidered designs as arm badges for Scoutmasters and other Scout officers.

Competitions

Annual competitions have been arranged for prizes donated by His Highness the Maharaja (for general proficiency). His Highness the Chief Scout (for proficiency in First Aid), Mr. C. R. Reddy, (for public service), and the Director, the Boy Scouts of Mysore (for individual practical use of First Aid knowledge).

The only competition held during the past year was for the Director's First Aid Prize, but as no suitable claims for the prize were made in accordance with the provisions, it was awarded to the 9th Bangalore (National High School) Troop "for the excellent services rendered by its members during the influenza epidemic of October, 1918.

Headquarters Office and Staff

The Headquarters Office was originally established in the Building occupied by the Inspector-General of Education, but towards the end of last year, was moved to somewhat better quarters at Bedford House. The location, however, still leaves much to be desired.

Until last August, the Headquarters staff consisted only of the Director. In that month a typist-clerk was added. An Assistant Director was sanctioned and Mr. C. Suba Rau, B.A. (Hons.), appointed

to the post in December 1918. The services of a peon were made available in February 1918.

Finance

The general expenses connected with the year's work have been met out of an appropriation of Rs. 15,000 provided in the budget of the Educational Department, the main heads of expenditure being salaries and establishment, travelling expenses, training of Scoutmasters, grants to troops, printing, office rental, equipment and supplies and manufacture of badges.

In several cases, Local Scout Association have raised locally funds to augment the Government's grants to troops in their areas.

Results

A single year, most of which has been devoted to organization work and experimentation with new ideas and conditions has not been sufficient to bring about any extraordinary or far reaching results. It must be conceded, however, that the very existence of such a large group of boys, led by trained leaders, and banded together keep themselves mentally alert, to make themselves physically efficient, to always endeavour to be morally straight, to be courteous to others, to be helpful to all, and to be manly and upright in all their relations, must have had a real influence for good not only upon themselves but upon their associates as well. And certainly the hundreds of little "good turns" which have become a daily part of their life have carried rays of sunlight into many hearts,

and many dark corners of this world have been made a little brighter by the presence of the "always cheerful" Scout.

Next year

Next year the work of the organization will be under the direction of Mr. K. Sanjiva Kamath, B.A., B.L., late Commissioner of the Indian Boy Scouts Association for the Madras Presidency.

The membership goal for 1919-20 has been tentatively set at 2,500.

Training courses for Scoutmasters are planned for the coming Dasara Holidays and next year's summer vacation.

A State Scout Rally is contemplated for the next Dasara holidays.

Government has been pleased to provide funds for more liberal grants to troops an account of uniform and contingent expenses.

Other points which should receive the attention of the organization during the new year are the further development of Local Scout Associations and Scoutmasters' Associations, the promotion of Patrol Leaders' Training classes, the encouragement of the camping side of the Scout programme, the conduct of experiments with the Wolf Cub (Junior Scouts) and Senior Scout programmes, the preparation of material for a Mysore Scout Handbook, and the inauguration of a vernacular section in "The Mysore School and Scout Magazine." An effort should also be made to provide better Headquarters for the

organization at Bangalore and Scout Club rooms for the joint use of troops at other centres. The establishment of some kind of supply depot where troops may purchase articles of their equipment is fast becoming a necessity.

Another question which must receive attention is the provision of time in the school programme, not only for Scouting, but for many other recreational activities which now find little or no place there.

A related problem to which Scouting should make its contribution is the provision of an adequate programme of Physical Education for the schools of the State.

A general appeal should also be made for financial assistance for Local Scout Associations and Troops. Government has wisely adopted the policy of only helping the local units to provide themselves with uniform and equipment, but much room is left for the practical gifts of public spirited citizens, and as much of the success of the local organizations will depend upon these, it is hoped that they will come in large numbers.

Thanks

In closing this report I wish to thank the Inspector General of Education for his ever hearty co-operation. Mr. V. Subramanya Iyer of the Economic Conference for his valued assistance and advice in the early stages of organization, the members of my own staff for their willing work on behalf of the Movement, and the large corps of Scout Masters without whose loyal support and enthusiastic endeavours,

even sometimes in the face of seemingly unsurmountable difficulties, it would have been impossible to achieve most of the things which have been recounted in this report. I also wish to thank all those Headmasters, teachers, Government officers and private citizens who have, by their

encouragement, advice, suggestion and practical support, added much to the success of the Boy Scouts of Mysore during the first year of the organisation's existence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mysore,
12th June 1919.

Frank C. Irwin,
Director,
The Boy Scouts of Mysore.

The Boy Scouts of Mysore

Patron

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore

Chief Scout and President

H. H. the Yuvaraja of Mysore

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(As constituted by Government in its Order of the 12th June 1918)

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The State Council : Then and Now 1918-1978

By **Dr. S. B. Kausik**

*Headquarters Commissioner
(Research and Development)*

This year - 1978 - marks the sixtieth anniversary, the Diamond Jubilee, of the State Council of our Association when the State Secretary presents the Sixtieth Annual Report on Sunday, the 27th August 1978. We may justly feel proud of this no mean achievement of the Council for its unbroken record through the past sixty years, setting out the work and activities of our State Association. In this context, it would be interesting to take a look at its beginning sixty years ago ; here are some facts from sources of information available to us at present.

To begin from the very beginning, not long after the Government of India issued an official circular in May 1917, in accordance with a resolution of the meeting of the Viceroy's Council on the 21st March 1917, conveying approval for launching the Boy Scout Movement for the benefit of Indian boys in all the Provinces and States, the erstwhile State of Mysore (now Karnataka) was among the earliest in the country to take appropriate steps, by a Government Order dated the 3rd October 1917, to start Scouting in all the schools in the State. Thus came into existence our former State Association, the *Boy Scouts of Mysore* and the first Troops started in Bangalore in July 1918. A central office began functioning to take over the administration and organisation of the Movement, with a



Mr. Frank C. Irwin
Director, Boy Scouts of Mysore

Canadian Scout Commissioner of great experience and organisation as abilities, Mr. Frank C. Irwin who was invited to take charge as the Director of the Movement. A supreme policy making and controlling authority, then known as the Headquarters Council, was set up, along with a smaller committee, the Executive

Committee. The Headquarters Council, even in those early years, was, it is interesting to note, a large body with as many as a hundred and twenty members representative of all interests, educational, official, professional and business. His Highness the Yuvaraja Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wadiyar, who, as the Chief Scout of Mysore, became the President of the Council, with the Dewan, Amin-ul-mulk (later Sir) Mirza M. Ismail, who later became the Deputy Chief Scout, as its Vice-President. The Executive Committee was an elected body of seven members, with powers to co-opt, and had as its Chairman the Inspector-General of Education (now known as the Director of Public Instruction). Our records show that the great educationist Dr. C. Ramalinga Reddy was its first Chairman. The Organising Commissioner was the Secretary of both the Council and the Executive Committee. The Headquarters Council met once every year, with the Chief Scout or, in his absence, the Deputy Chief Scout presiding, and it was generally in two separate sessions, the first, a formal or what might be regarded as a ceremonial part when the President inaugurated the meeting with an address and presented awards, trophies and certificates to the several recipients. Soon after the formal session ended and after the departure of the President, the Council sat for its second session to transact the business on the agenda for the meeting. The Executive Committee met generally four times in the year and was presided over by the Chairman of the Committee and discussed all matters relating to the to the administration, organisation and finances of the Association.

Starting from the earliest days since the inception of the Movement in the State, it is gratifying to note that the State Council has come through a continuous unbroken

record and has presented to its members a general annual survey of the activities and achievements of the Association, not ignoring to mention, at our lapses and failures also. The council has thereby served to keep alive our past traditions and to record our endeavours to cater to the needs and aspirations of the youth of the State, in tune with the changing times.

The Council which was in those early days known as the Headquarters Council, later became better known as the State Scout Council and is now, since the merger of the former Scout and Guide Associations in September 1952, which is common to both the wings, simply as the State Council. We have now come a long way since those early years and, with changes in the constitution and the organisational set-up of our combined Association, the structural pattern of both the Council and the Executive Committee has changed. The President and the four Vice-Presidents of the Council are elected, generally by a unanimous choice of the members of the Council, while most of its members are drawn from the warranted ranks of Scouters and Guiders, with also a few others representing the honorary, life and ordinary members and some co-opted members. The Executive Committee has, as its Chairman, the State Chief Commissioner who is elected, with other members, mostly again from the warranted ranks of Scouters and Guiders and other representatives as in the case of the State Council. The members of both these bodies hold office for a term of three years.

It would not be out of place to record here some facts relating to our sister organisation. It appears that a small Company of Girl Guides was attempted to be

in the Vani Vilas Institute, Fort, Bangalore formed in the year 1918 by a District Commissioner of Guides of the then Bangalore Cantonment Association, which, however had nothing to do with the main stream of developments in the State organisation, but the attempt proved to be an abortive one and the Company ceased to function even as it was being formed and no more was heard about it subsequently. However, the inception of the Movement for the training of girls actually came about some years later. The Movement owes not a



Miss Zimha Lazarus,
Organising Commissioner, Girl Guides of Mysore

little to the zeal and enthusiasm, also at the same time, the patience and perseverance, of Miss Zimha Lazarus, then Headmistress of the Vani Vilas Institute and later an Inspectress of Girls' Schools for having brought into being the Guide organisation in the State. During her deputation to England in the years 1920-22, she made a first-hand study of Guiding at the Imperial

Hedquarters in London and also in other places in Europe and after returning to India met the then Inspector-General of Education Rajasabhushana Diwan Bahadur K. Maattan in November 1925 and discussed with him the proposal to start Guiding in the State. However owing to the social and class prejudices which existed then and the unwillingness generally of parents even in well-to-do families who were reluctant to let their daughters to participate in any form of out-door activities, the time seemed inauspicious to start the Movement. But with the active co-operation and support which was forthcoming from some of the enlightened ladies and gentlemen, Miss Lazarus was able to call together a meeting and form an Executive Committee, with Lady Mirza Ismail, wife of the then Dewan of Mysore as President and a few others, including Mrs. Parvathamma Chandrasekhara Iyer, Lady Puttanna Chetty, Dr. (Miss) M. C. Albuquerque, Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, then Government Advocate and Chief Commissioner of the **Boy Scouts of Mysore**, Mr. K. H. Ramaiya, Dr. C. B. Rama Rao and Major Y. V. K. Murthy, as members. This Committee was mainly responsible to bring about the consummation of the Movement in the State. Miss Lazarus was able to start the first Girl Guide Company in the Vani Vilas Institute with Miss Lazarus was in the meantime appointed as the organising Commissioner a few lady teachers invested as leaders on the 27th June 1927 and this became the nucleus for the future Association of the **Girl Guides of Mysore**. Lady Mirza became the first Chief Commissioner. The Movement was later able also to secure the Royal patronage when Her Highness the Yuvarani accepted to be the Chief Guide, just as the Yuvaraja was the Chief Scout and their son Prince Jaya was invested by his father as Chief Cub.

(Research and Development Cell)

Here Comes Mummy....

By

Jayalakshmi Srinivasan

Shobhana was full of excitement. She was going to her uncle's place. How everyone would pet her! Her little heart was filled with glee as she would have her cousins to play with. Oh God! for the past ten days the house was topsy-turvy. It was one continuous noise and bustle. Nobody gave her food at the proper time and nobody took care to give her a bath or change her clothes. Why? Since her darling Mummy took to her bed of fever, nobody cared for her at all. But it was better after her aunt Gouri (mother's elder sister) came. But ten days ago where was her mother taken away? After that her aunt also neglected and always sat weeping. That sprouting bud was utterly perplexed. None answered when she spoke. Her father's sister's Aunt Indrani and Aunt Narmada also would only weep if she spoke to them. Oh! how they used to play with her!

When little Shobhi asked her father about Mummy, he would merely say "My darling girl! she has gone to God, you go and play!", and would send her away. Her aunt Gouri's behaviour was very funny. Sometimes she would say, "You unfortunate devil, hateful witch, wicked

sorceress". What could poor Shobhana do?

That day Shobhana reached Hyderabad with her aunt Gouri. Her maternal uncle Vishnuprasad had come to the station to receive them. He kissed her instantly and filled her tiny hands with sweets and biscuits. When they reached home aunt Shyamanthaka welcomed her lovingly. She washed and dressed her, combed her hair and put the vermilion on her forehead. Then Shobhi drank hot bournvita. Her cousins surrounded her and began to blink at her as if she were a new animal at the zoo. But her aunt Gouri who had no other work except crying, muttered to her brother and started weeping and groaning afresh.

Now Shobhana was some months at uncle's house. The new surroundings and the new playmates, the love of her uncle and aunts, created a nice atmosphere for her. But she could be free only with aunt Gouri as she knew her longest. She always used to sleep with her. If she wanted something to eat, she would ask only her. She would show mischief or get into a tantrum only when she was with Aunt Gouri. Though Aunt Shyamanthaka

was extremely fond of her, she would not be very free with her. She would think, "Is not she the mother of Umeswar and Soudhamini? She is not my mother. She is their mother. But my mother has left me to go to God. I must take Aunt Gouri as my mother, because she has no children. But she is so foolish and sits weeping for hours together. But she is a very good woman. She always gives me things to eat and everything I want. Daily she combs and plaits my hair and she decks it with flowers. But she insists on the old-fashioned single braid which I hate. Besides, she never allows Auntie Shyamanthaka to do my hair like Dhama's (Soudhamini's pet name). Oh! how nicely Auntie Shyamanthaka does it! Oh! how many varieties she knows! But Aunt Gouri mends my skirts and jackets when they get torn while I play. But she never lets me wear frocks. How I wish to wear them. If my mother were here, I would have had dozens of them. Poor Aunt Gouri does anything and everything for me. Butbut, I don't know why she always curses me with such bad words like 'While wretch, cunning devil, wicked goblin and so on'. If she did not do so, I will be very happy". But poor dear Shobhini, she was just a five-year old child and had just lost her mother. What could she understand! Because her mother was no more, why should she be scolded as an unfortunate wretch? But poor Shobhana could not understand a single thing and was as puzzled as ever.

For Shobhana, Aunt Gouri was very dear, but she was very fond of Aunt Shyamanthaka also. Why should she

always have to be dressed by Aunt Gouri? She was yearning to get her hair done by Aunt Shyamanthaka like Dhama. But would Aunt Gouri let her? Never. She was so strict!

On the night of one full-moon day Aunt Shyamanthaka took the three children to the terrace and gave them a 'Kai Tuttu' (serving food in turn into the hands of small children sitting around in a circle). The next day also the children demanded a moonlight supper. But unfortunately for Shobhana, Aunt Gouri sternly refused to allow her to take part in it, saying that it was cold. So Shobha had the supper in the kitchen itself, to her utter dismay, while Umesh and Soudhamini were upstairs eating in moonlight, listening to Aunt Shyamanthaka's baffling stories. Poor Shobhi protested loudly, wept, she even upset her plate and began to dance like some frenzied red Indian or negro girl. But her aunt did not give way. She only beat her all the more. She just said that Shyamanthaka would not take care to see whether she had sufficient food or not. Poor Shobha had to unwillingly force food down somehow, while Auntie tried to quell her anguish by saying one of her old stories. Poor Shobhi immediately began to cry when she lay down on the bed.

The next day afternoon Shobhi was idling and began to think. "Poor Auntie Shyamanthaka is so good and kind, why does Aunt Gouri think so bad of her? I do not understand at all". She immediately went in search of Aunt Gouri and said "Aunt Gouri, I am sure you do not like Auntie. But she is so very fond of

me. If she gave Umeswar and Soudamini one chocolate each, she gives two to me". Aunt Gouri retorted "Stupid! You little simpleton. You are so very easily deceived. That is what she does before you. Behind your back, without your knowledge, she would give those brats four each!"

Then Shobhana said "Then Aunt, you too are wicked. You give me chocolate, hurigaalu (A kind of nut preparation spiced with chillies) and so many other things. But you never give a single thing either to Dhama or to Umesh".

Gouri flushed with fury, "You ungrateful disobedient mischiefmonger! have you any gratitude in your heart at all? I look after you as my own child as you are motherless, but I get only rebukes for rewards. O! Look at the proud brat!" Gouri looked with such savage eyes on her that the poor girl shuddered and cried out for her vanished mother piteously. "Mummy, where have you gone? Please take me also with you".

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SANGAM CALENDAR

October 1978 to December 1978

October 25 — November 4 — Festival Time in Indian Folklore: (Diwali) for guides/scouts, 18 or older or younger groups already formed, with a leader.

Participants will travel to the State of the festival where home hospitality will be provided.

An opportunity to observe life in an Indian home and enjoy a festival of India.

November 5-30 — Adventuring in India:

For adult adventurers of any age.

Five days of orientation at Sangam and then off for an adventurous 10-14 days tour and back "home" to Sangam.

December 5-10 — Sangam Committee Meeting.

News Flash!

CIRCLE RE.NAMED AFTER THE LATE PROF. P. SIVASHANKAR

A colourful function attended by a large number of Scouts and Guides, Rotarians, friends and admirers of the late Prof. P. Sivashankar was held on the 9th July 1978 at Irwin Circle, the junction of Sri Krishnarajendra Road and Sir Puttanna Chetty Road. Irwin Circle was renamed as Prof. P. Sivashankar Circle to commemorate the memory of this distinguished citizen who passed away 2 years ago after a dedicated public service. He left his imprint on many walks of life not only in Karnataka but elsewhere. Sri P. Sivashankar's activities were notably in the educational field, promotion of Scouting and Guiding and in the civic affairs of our City.

Sri N. Lakshman Rau, Administrator, Corporation of the City of Bangalore, unveiled the new name board "Prof. P. Sivashankar Circle". Sri A. R. Badrinarayan, M.P., presided over the function. Sri K. Hanumanthaiah, former Union Minister, spoke eulogising the services of Sri P. Sivashankar to the cause of Law Education, Scouting and Guiding and to various civic bodies in the State.

Sri Kondajji Basappa, M.P., State Chief Commissioner, welcomed the guests for the memorable function.

Smt. M. R. Lakshamma, Headquarters, Commissioner for Rangering, proposed a Vote of thanks.

INFORMATION COURSE FOR HEADMASTERS

An Information Course for the Headmasters of High Schools and Assistant Educational Officers of Mysore City District was held at Sri Jayachamarajendra Scout and Guide Hall on the 22nd and 23rd July 1978. Sri S. R. Vijay, I.A.S., Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, inaugurated the camp. He said that it is a very good idea that such courses are organised for the benefit of the Headmasters of High Schools to tell them about the ideals and aims of Scouting and Guiding and how the Heads of Institutions can lend support to their Scouters and Guiders in running the units.

On the 23rd July 1978, Sri V. P. Deenadayalu Naidu, State Commissioner(S) gave the Valedictory address. In his address, he said that the Information Course may be regarded as a re-union of the Heads of the High Schools to re-vitalise Scouting and Guiding, so that the Movement as a whole may become rejuvenated. Dr. S. B. Kausik, Headquarters Commissioner for Research and Development also spoke, stressing on the importance of the

District and Local Associations as the most vital links in the whole Movement.

Sri K. B. Nanjappa, State Training Commissioner(S) was the leader in charge of the course and was assisted by Sriyuts S. Audikesavalu, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), K. S. Shanker, L. T., K. Krishna Murthy, L.T. and Smt. Ravi Kumari, A.L.T.

STATE LEVEL PACK HOLIDAY [Camp for Cubs] at Shimoga

A State Level Pack Holiday Camp for Cubs will be held in Shimoga during November 1978. The exact date and the place will be notified later. The Shimoga District Association has come forward to host this Holiday Camp.

Cubs who have earned the One Star Badge and have attained the age of 8 years are eligible to attend the Camp. Free boarding and lodging will be provided, but the travel expenses will have to be met by the concerned schools or District Associations. Shimoga can be reached by bus or train.

Secretaries of District Associations are requested to register the names of the participants with the State Headquarters before the 30th August 1978.

Quota allotted for Cubs and Cubmasters to attend the Pack Holiday at Shimoga

	Cubs	Cubmaster
Bangalore North	24	+ 4
Bangalore South	24	+ 4
Bangalore North Rural	12	+ 2
Bangalore South Rural	12	+ 2
Belgaum	6	+ 1
Bijapur	6	+ 1
Bidar	12	+ 2
Bellary	12	+ 1
Chitradurga	24	+ 4
Chikmagalur	38	+ 4
Dharwar	12	+ 2
Davangere	48	+ 8
Gadag	6	+ 1
Gulbarga	6	+ 1
Hassan	12	+ 2
Kodagu	12	+ 2
Kolar North	6	+ 1
Kolar South	6	+ 1
Mandya	12	+ 2
Mysore Rural	24	+ 4
Mysore City	24	+ 4
North Kanara	12	+ 2
Raichur	6	+ 1
South Kanara	24	+ 4
Shimoga	96	+ 16
Tumkur	24	+ 4
Total	500	+ 80

Training Programme and other activities during Sept. - Oct. 1978 (GUIDE SECTION)

Date	Nature of Event	Place
6th — 8th October	Swimming Competition	Bangalore
18th — 27th October	H. W. B. For Flock Leaders	Kondajjii Camp (Harihar Taluk)
18th — 27th October	Advanced courses for Flock Leaders and Guide Captains	do
18th — 27th October	Ranger Leaders Preliminary course for College lecturers	do

PRESIDENT SCOUTS PREPARATORY TRAINING CAMP

BRIEF REPORT

1. President Scouts Preparatory training camp was conducted at Besant Park, Doddaballapur from 12th to 16th July 1978 under the leadership of Major M. R. Narayan Singh.

2. 48 Scouts and 4 Scout Masters reported at the Camp on the morning of 12th July 1978 and quickly settled down in the camp pitching their own tents.

The following seasoned Scouters were on the instructional staff:—

- a) Sri S. Audikesavalu, S. O. C. (S)
- b) Sri K. B. Nanjappa, State Trg. Commissioner (S).
- c) Sri Farookh, Merchant.
- d) Sri T. K. Raghavendra Rao.
- e) Sri M. Halagappa.
- f) Sri K. Thimmappa.

3. The First hour in the Noon was utilised to assess the standard of the trainees. Most of the Scouts were found to be of sub-standard. Therefore an Intensive training had to be given to them with a view to bring them up, to the standard by resorting to various training methods of

instruction, both theoretical and practical. By the end of the course, the trainees had achieved sufficient knowledge to obtain various badges, required for a President Scout. Besides, they had very clear knowledge of what to prepare for, how to prepare for a President Scout and the proper submission of the application forms.

4. The camp was inaugurated by Sri A. D. Anandan, State Secretary, Major A. T. Sethunarayan, Sri Nanjundaswamy, Sri K. Kasinath and Sri H. Y. Ramaiah, visited the camp. Sri V. P. Deenadayalu Naidu State Commissioner (S) presided over the Valedictory function.

5. Sri Sivakumar, ASOC (S) in his maiden camp appointment has acquitted himself as an efficient Quarter master by providing timely, nutritious food to the entire satisfaction of the trainees.

6. It was rather unfortunate that the camp had to be shifted from Besant Park, Doddaballapur, because of the prevalence of Cholera in its neighbourhood, involving slight dislocation in training, additional expenditure, on transportation to Shanthi Gruha, Bangalore and for other administrative arrangements, which in turn have inevitably raised the expenditure.



ಗಮನಿಸಿರಿ !

ಮರಿಗಳ ಮಜಾದಿನ!

“ಕಬ್ಬ್ ಪ್ಯಾಕ್ ಹಾಲಿಡೇ” ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ 78ರ ನವೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವುದು. ಎಂಟು ವರ್ಷ ತುಂಬಿದ್ದು ಒಂದನೆ ತಾರೆಯನ್ನಾದರೂ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಮರಿಗಳು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಷನ್ ಫೀ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಊಟ ವಸತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಹೆ|| ಕ್ವಾ|| ಉಚಿತವಾಗಿ ನೀಡುವರು. ಪ್ರಯಾಣದ ವೆಚ್ಚವನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಥವಾ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಾಗಲಿ ಶಾಲೆ ಅಥವಾ ಪಾಲಕರಾಗಲಿ, ವಹಿಸಬೇಕು. ಪ್ರತಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಿಂದಲೂ ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟೇ ಮರಿಗಳು ಬರಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಿಶ್ಚಯಿಸಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಸಮಾ ರಂಭಕ್ಕೆ ಮರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರೆತರಲು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಸ್ಕಾಟರುಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಕಮೀಷನರನ್ನಾಗಲಿ, A.S.O.C. (S) ರನ್ನಾಗಲಿ ಕೂಡಲೆ ಸಂಧಿಸಿ ಜಾಗೆ ಭದ್ರಗೊಳ್ಳಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದುದು ಅಗತ್ಯ. ಆ ಮೇಲೆ ನಿರಾಶೆಗೊಂಡು ಯಾರನ್ನೂ ದೂರಿ ಲಾಭವಿಲ್ಲ. ಮರಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಉತ್ತಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಸಮವಸ್ತ್ರ, ಚುರುಕು ಇರುವಂತೆಯೂ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರೋವರ್ ಮೂಟ್ ಉತ್ತರ ಅಥವಾ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಘಟ್ಟಗಳ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ 78ರ ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ಮೊದಲ ಅರ್ಧದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವುದು : ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವ ಕ್ರೂಗಳಾಗಲಿ ರೋವರುಗಳಾಗಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಕಮೀಷನರ್ ಅಥವಾ A.S.O.C. (S) ರಿಂದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಸ್ಥಳ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಅವಶ್ಯಕ.

ಅಂತ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್‌ಗಳ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಒಂದು ಈ ವರ್ಷದ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ 78ರ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್

ರಜ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 12ದಿನ ಏರ್ಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ನೆರೆರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಾದ ಗೋವಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳ ಪ್ರಧಾನವೂ ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷಣೀಯವೂ ಆದ ಪಣಜಿ, ಮರ್ಮಗೋವಾ, ಕೊಲ್ಲಾಪುರ, ಪುಣೆ, ಬೊಂಬಾಯಿ, ಪಂಡರಾಪುರ, ಸೊಲ್ಲಾಪುರ, ಮುಂತಾದ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳನ್ನೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಸೋದರರು ಹಾಗೂ ದಳಗಳನ್ನೂ ಕಂಡು ಬರುವ ಉತ್ತಮ ಅವಕಾಶ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಬಾಲಕರಿಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೇ ಮೊದಲನೆ ಬಾರಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ, ಒಟ್ಟು ವೆಚ್ಚದ ಭಾಗಗಳನ್ನು ಬಹುಶಃ ಸಮಸಮವಾಗಿ ಬಾಲಕರ ಪೋಷಕರೂ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿಯವರೂ ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುವುದು. ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ನೆರೆ ಹೊರೆಯ ಪರಿಚಯವು ಅನೇಕರಿಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಪ್ರವಾಸದಿಂದ ಈ ಕೊರತೆಯೂ ಸಹ ಬಹುಪಾಲು ನೀಗುವುದು. ಈ ಪ್ರವಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಬಾಲಕರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, ಹೆಸರು, ಪತ್ರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಕಾಟ್‌ಮಾಸ್ಟರ್, A.S.O.C. (S) ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್ ಕಮೀಷನರು ಆದಷ್ಟು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿ, ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಮೊದಲು ದಾಖಲಾದವರಿಗೆ ಆದ್ಯತೆ.

ನೆನಪಿದೆಯೇ? 8ನೆ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್-ಗೈಡ್ ಜಾಂಬೋರಿ, ಮದ್ರಾಸಿನ ಉಪನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ, 1979ನೆಯ ಜನವರಿ 18ರಿಂದ 21. ನಾಲ್ಕಾದರೂ ಪ್ರವೀಣತಾ ಪದಕವುಳ್ಳ ಎರಡನೆ ದರ್ಜೆ ಸ್ಕಾಟ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರವೇಶವಿದೆ.

15ನೆಯ ಆಗಸ್ಟ್ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ದಿನೋತ್ಸವ : ಇದರ ಆಚರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಭಾಗವೇನು ?



ಆಷಾಢ ಕಳೆದರೆ ಹಬ್ಬದ ಸಾಲು!

ಪಟಾಕಿ ಆರ್ಭಟ!!

ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಮುಗಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವಂತೆ ಭಾರತದ ಎಲ್ಲೆಡೆಯೂ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಹಬ್ಬ-ಉತ್ಸವಗಳು ಸಾಲುಸಾಲೇ ಬರುತ್ತವೆ. ಪಾರ್ಶ್ವಿಕರ ಯುಗಾದಿ, ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ದಿನ, ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಜಯಂತಿ, ಕೀಲ್ ಮುಹೂರ್ತ, ಈದ್ ಉಲ್ ಫಿತ್ರ್, ಗಣೇಶ ಪೂಜೆ, ನವರಾತ್ರಿ, ವಿಜಯದಶಮಿ, ಯೋಹಾದ್ಯರ ಯುಗಾದಿ, ದೀಪಾವಳಿ, ಕನ್ನಡ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವ, ಬಕ್ರೀದ್, ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮಹೋತ್ಸವ, ಮರಿಗಳ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರೋತ್ಸವ, ದೀಪೋತ್ಸವಗಳು, ಮುಹರ್ರಂ, ಹುತ್ತರಿ, ಕ್ರಿಸ್‌ಮಸ್ ಇವು ಕೆಲವು ಅತಿ ವಿಜೃಂಭಣೆಯ ಆಚರಣೆಗೆ ಅನುವಾಗುವವೆ. ಸಹಜವಾಗಿ ಬಹು ಮಂದಿ ಈ ವೇಳೆಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಮದುವೆ, ದೀಪಾವಳಿ, ಉತ್ಸವಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಪಟಾಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಚ್ಚುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಪಟಾಕಿ - ಮತಾಪುಗಳು : ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೂ ಮುದುಕರಿಗೂ ಸಹ ತುಂಬ ಆನಂದವನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತವೆ, ನಿಜ. ಆದರೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷವೂ ಇವುಗಳ ದೆಸೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ವಿಪರೀತ ಅಪಘಾತ, ನೋವು - ಸಾವು ಆಗುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂಬುದೂ ನಿಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಿರಬೇಕಲ್ಲವೇ? ಪಟಾಕಿ ಸಿಡಿತದ ಗಾಯಗಳಿಂದ ಸಾವಿರಾರು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಅಂಗಾಂಗಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಅತಿ ಘೋರ ಜೀವನ ಕಳೆಯಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಇವುಗಳಿಂದ ಸಂತೋಷ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಸಿಕ್ಕಬೇಕು, ಸಂಕಟವೇ ಕೂಡದು ಎಂದು ಬಯಸುವವರು ಈ ಮುಂದೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಬೇಕುಬೇಡಗಳನ್ನು ಗಮನಿಸಿ, ಎಚ್ಚರದಿಂದ ಪಾಲಿಸಬೇಕು.

ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದುದು :

ಪಟಾಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿರುವ ಪೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿಡಿ. ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಲ ಅದನ್ನು ಒಂದೊಂದಾಗಿ ಈಚೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದಾಗಲೂ ಪೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆಯ ಮುಚ್ಚಳವನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿ.

ಹಿಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿದು ನಿಂತು, ತೋಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಚಾಚಿ, ಪಟಾಕಿ ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಿ.

ಅತಿ ಶಾಖ ಸ್ಥಳದಿಂದಲೂ ಉರಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ದೀಪ - ಬೆಂಕಿಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ಅದನ್ನು ದೂರ ಇಡಿ.

ಹೊತ್ತಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವಾಗ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಅತಿ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ.

ಅಪಾಯಕಾರಿ ಪಟಾಕಿ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಸಿಡಿವಸ್ತುಗಳ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಪೊಲೀಸರಾಗಲೀ ಇತರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಾಗಲೀ ನೀಡುವ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನೂ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನೂ ಗಮನಿಸಿರಿ.

ಮಾಡಕೂಡದು :

ಪಟಾಕಿ ಕಟ್ಟು ಅಥವಾ ಪೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಇರುವ ಸೂಚನೆ ಸಲಹೆಗಳನ್ನು ಓದುವಾಗ ಉರಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬೆಳಕು ಸಮೀಪ ಇರಬಾರದು.

ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಿದ ಬಳಿಕ ಕಿಟಕಿ ಬಾಗಿಲುಗಳಿಂದ ಆಚೆ ಎಸೆಯಬಾರದು.

ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಿಡಿಯದೆ ಇರುವ ಪಟಾಕಿಗಳ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಏನಾಗಿದೆ ನೋಡಲು ತಟ್ಟನೆ ಹೋಗಕೂಡದು. ನೋಡಲು ನೀವು ತಲೆಬಾಗಿಸಿದಾಗ ಅವು ಸಿಡಿದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮೂತಿಮೋರೆಗಳೇ ಚೂರುಚೂರಾಗಬಹುದು. ಅದರ ಪುಡಿಯೂ ವಾಸನೆಯೂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಶ್ವಾಸನಾಳದೊಳಕ್ಕೆ ನುಗ್ಗಿ ಉಸಿರಾಟಕ್ಕೇ ಊನವಾಗಬಹುದು. ಪ್ರಾಣವೇ ಹೋಗಬಹುದು.

ಪಟಾಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜೇಬು (ಕಿಸೆ) ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಡಿ.

ಹಾರುವ, ಓಡುವ, ವಿಸ್ತಾರವಾಗಿ ತಿರುಗುವ ಬಾಣ ಬತ್ತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಸಮೀಪ ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಬೇಡಿ.

ಕಾಮನ ಹಬ್ಬ—ಹೋಳಿ ಬೆಂಕಿಗಳು :

ಅಗ್ನಿಕುಂಡಗಳನ್ನು ಮನೆಗಳು, ಮರಗಳು, ಬೇಲಿಗಳಿಂದ ದೂರ ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕು.

ಜ್ವಾಲೆಯ ಬಳಿಯ ಪೂಜೆ ಸಮಾರಂಭ ಕೂಗಾಟ ಆಟ ಪಾಟಗಳು ಮುಗಿದ ಬಳಿಕ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಹೊರಟು ಹೋದ ತರುವಾಯ, ಇನ್ನು ಯಾವ ಮಕ್ಕಳೂ ಆ ಸಮೀಪ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಖಾತರಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ಸಾಹ—ಉದ್ದೇಗ ಹೆಚ್ಚು. ಬೆಂಕಿಯ ಅತಿ ಸಮೀಪ ಹೋಗದಂತೆಯೂ ಇತರ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿಯೂ ಅವರನ್ನು ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ಅವಶ್ಯಕ.

ಆರಿಹೋದ ಬೆಂಕಿಯನ್ನು ಪೆಟ್ರೋಲ್, ಪ್ಯಾರಫೀನ್, ಅಥವಾ ಸೀಮೆಯೆಣ್ಣೆ ಸುರಿದು ಎಂದೂ ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಲು ತೊಡಗ ಕೂಡದು.

ನಮಗೇ ಜ್ವಾಲೆ ಹೊತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡರೆ :

ಎಷ್ಟೇ ಎಚ್ಚರದಿಂದ ಇದ್ದರೂ ಕೆಲವು ಸಲ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಆರಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಕಸ್ಮಾತ್ ನಮಗೇ ಜ್ವಾಲೆಯು ತಾಗಿದಾಗ, ಅದು ಹರಡದಂತೆ, ಆರುವಂತೆ ತಕ್ಷಣ ನಾವು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಹಸ್ತಗಳಿಂದ ಮುಖವನ್ನು

ಮುಚ್ಚಿಕೊಂಡು, ನೆಲವಮೇಲೆ ಹೊರಳಾಡುತ್ತ, ಸಹಾಯ ಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಿರುಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಇನ್ನೊಬ್ಬರ ಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಜ್ವಾಲೆ ಹೊತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡರೆ :

ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದರೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ನೆಲದ ಮೇಲೆ ಉರುಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ಬೆಂಕಿ ಆರಿಸಲು ನೀರನ್ನು ಬಳಸಬಹುದು. ಕಂಬಳಿ, ಜಮಖಾನೆ ಇಂತಹವನ್ನು ಅವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಾಕಿ ಸುತ್ತಿ ಜ್ವಾಲೆಯನ್ನು ನಂದಿಸಬಹುದು. ನೀರನ್ನು ಅವರ, ಆ ಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ, ಹಾಕಬಹುದೆಂದು ಈಗ ವೈದ್ಯರು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಬೆಂಕಿ ಆರಿಸುವ ಯಂತ್ರಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಪೊಲಿಸರಿಗೆ, ಫೋನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ನೆರವು ದೊರೆಯುವ ವರೆಗೂ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಿ.

ಪಟ್ಟಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ನಗರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೆಲವು ರೋಟರಿ, ಲಯನ್ಸ್ ಅಥವಾ ಬೇರೆ ಡಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳು ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸಹಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿದ್ಧರೆಂದು ಮನೆಗಳ ಮುಂದೆ ಬರೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಂತಹವನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ, ನೆನಪಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಿ, ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ವಿಳಾಸ ಫೋನ್ ನಂಬರುಗಳನ್ನು ಬರೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿರಿ.

(ಎಂ. ವೆಂ.)

— ಆಧಾರ : ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಗೈಡ್

ಬಲ ಭೀಮ (ಮರಿಗಳ ಅಭಿನಯ ಗೀತ)

ನಾನು ಬಲ ಭೀಮ
ನಾನು ಕಲಿ ಭೀಮ
ಬಂಡಿ ನಡೆಸುವೆ
ಬಕಾಸುರನ ಗುಹೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ
ಬಂಡಿ ನಿಲಿಸುವೆ ||

ಅನ್ನದ ಪಾತ್ರೆ ಇಳಿಸಿ
ಸಾರಿನ ಹಂಡೆ ಇಳಿಸಿ
ಅನ್ನಸಾರು ಕಲೆಸಿ ತಿನ್ನುವೆ ||

ನಾನು ಬಲ ಭೀಮ |
ನಾನು ಕಲಿ ಭೀಮ ||

ಪಾಯಸದ ಪಾತ್ರೆತೆಗೆದು
ಬಾಯ್ತೆರೆದು ಹೀರುವೆ
ಮಜ್ಜೆಗೆಯ ಗಡಿಗೆ ತೆರೆದು
ಗಟಗಟನೆ ಕುಡಿಯುವೆ |

ನಾನು ಶೂರ ಭೀಮ |
ನಾನು ಧೀರ ಭೀಮ ||

ಬಕಾಸುರನ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ನಾನು
ಯುದ್ಧ ಮಾಡುವೆ |
ಕುಸ್ತಿ ಆಡುವೆ
ಅವನ ಗುದ್ದಿ, ಒದ್ದು ನಾನು
ಮುದ್ದೆ ಮಾಡುವೆ ||

ನಾನು ಬಲ ಭೀಮ |
ನಾನು ಕಲಿ ಭೀಮ ||

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ಹೊ ಹೊ ಹೊ ಹೊ ||

ಜೆ. ಕಲೀಂ ಬಾಪ, ಸ್ಕೌಟರ್
ತೋರಣಗಟ್ಟಿ, ಜಗಳೂರು ತಾ||

ಸುದ್ದಿ ಸಮಾಚಾರಗಳು

ಪುಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಗೈಡ್ ವಿಶ್ವಶಿಬಿರಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಸಂಗಂ ಮೇಲ್ವಿಚಾರಕರಾಗಿ ಅಮೆರಿಕ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಗಳ ಮಿಸ್ ರಾಣಿ ವಾಂಡೆಬರ್ಗ್ ಅವರು ಅಧಿಕಾರ ವಹಿಸಿ ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಭಾರತದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಿಸಿದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿಯವರು ಅಮೇರಿಕದಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಗೈಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ತುಮಕೂರು ಡಿ. ಕುಣಿಗಲ್ ತಾ|| ಅಂಕನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮಠದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ವಸತಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ A.S.O.C. ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ರಾಜಗೋಪಾಲರವರು ಪರಮಪೂಜ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ಧಲಿಂಗಶಿವಾಚಾರ್ಯ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಅಧ್ಯಾತ್ಮ ಜೀವನ, ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಕೌಟಿಂಗ್ ಕುರಿತು ಜೂಲೈ 12ರಂದು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

ಗದಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಪತಿಯಿಂದ ಚಂಡಮಾರುತದಿಂದ ಸಂತ್ರಸ್ತರಾದ ಜನರಿಗಾಗಿ ಹಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೂಡಿಸುವ ಪವಿತ್ರ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಾಂಗಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮಿಕ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಂದ 800 ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ಸ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಗೈಡ್ಸ್ ಹಾಗೂ 30 ಸ್ಕೌಟರ, ಗೈಡರರವರು ಬೃಹತ್ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗಿ, ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಒತ್ತಾಯ ಮಾಡದೆ ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಸ್ಥರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಹಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೂಡಿಸಿರುವರು. ಎರಡು ಘಂಟೆಗಳವರೆಗೆ ಸಾಂಗವಾದ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯದಿಂದ 641 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ರೋಖ ಹಣ ಹಾಗೂ 610 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಬೆಲೆಯ ಸೀರೆ, ಧೋತರ, ಚದ್ದರ, ವಸ್ತ್ರ, ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಬಟ್ಟೆಬರೆಗಳು ಕೂಡಿರುವವು. ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ. 1,251 ರೂ.ಗಳು ಕೂಡಿದ್ದು ಇದು ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ಕಂತಿನ ಮೊತ್ತವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಪವಿತ್ರ ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಯಾವತ್ತೂ ದಾನಿಗಳವರಿಗೆ ಕೃತಜ್ಞಗಳನ್ನರ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತ ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆಯೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಪತಿಯಿಂದ ನಡೆಯಲಿ

ರುವ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹೃದಯರು ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡಬೇಕಾಗಿ ವಿನಂತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ಸ್ ಕೆ|| ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅ|| ಕೆ|| ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಲೂಕಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳವರು ಆಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಮ್. ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ಕುಲಕರ್ಣಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಕೆ. ಪಾಟೀಲ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಗೈಡ್ ಕೆ|| ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಸಂಕನಗೌಡರ ಅವರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಎ. ಎಸ್. ಒ. ಸಿ. ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ರಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎನ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ, ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ, ಶ್ರೀ ಎಮ್. ದಿ. ಚಿಕ್ಕೊಪ್ಪ, ಸ್ಕೌಟರುಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ವಾಯ, ಸಮಗಾರ, ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಡಿ. ಸಾರೆ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ಕುಂಬಾರ, ಗೈಡರರುಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಕಬಾಡಿ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲೀಲಾ ಉಪ್ಪಿನ ಮೊದಲಾದವರು ಭಾಗಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಈ ಪವಿತ್ರ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿಸಿರುವರು.

1978ರ ಮೇ 23ರಿಂದ 26ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಪಚಮಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಕೌಟರ್ಸ್ ಗೈಡರ್ಸ್ ಸೆಮಿನಾರ್ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಐದು ಮಂದಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಆರ್. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರಾವ್, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜು, ಶ್ರೀ ಧ್ರುವರಾವ್, ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಜಯವಂತ್ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಸಾಕ್ಷರತೆಯನ್ನು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಚರ್ಚೆಗಳು ನಡೆದವು.

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಪಾರಿತೋಷಕದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ವಿವರಿಸಿ ಅದನ್ನು ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವ್ಯಾಪಕವಾಗಿ ಹರಡಲು ಸ್ಕೌಟರ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗೈಡರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. 4ರಿಂದ 6ವಯಸ್ಸಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಸ್ಕೌಟಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಬನ್ನಿ ಟಂಟೊ ತೆರೆಯುವುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಪಟ್ಟವರ್ಧನ್‌ರವರು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

ಹೊಸ ಡೆ|| ಚೀಫ್ ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ ಕೆ||

ಭಾರತದ ಹೊಸ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಚೀಫ್ ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ ಕಮೀಷನರ್ ಲೆ|| ಜನರಲ್ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ಕ್ಯಾಂಡೆತ್ : ಇವರು ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಮರಿಯಾಗಿ ಸೇರಿ ಈ ವರಿವಿಗೂ ಹಂತಹಂತವಾಗಿ ಮೇಲೇರಿ, ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಭಾರತ್ ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗೈಡ್ಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಬಲಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಸಹಾಯಕವಾದ ಉತ್ತಮ ವರದಿಯೊಂದನ್ನು ಸಿದ್ಧಪಡಿಸಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನೇಮಕವಾದ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಕೃತ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯ ಹಲವಾರು ಮುಖಗಳನ್ನು ಆಳವಾಗಿ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಭಾರತ ಭೂಸೈನ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಡೆಪ್ಯುಟಿ ಚೀಫ್ ಆಫ್ ಆರ್ಮಿಸ್ಕಾಫ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಿಂದ ಈಗ ತಾನೇ ನಿವೃತ್ತರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಧನ್ಯಸ್ತುತಿ

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಮ್ಮಸ್ವಾಮಿನಾರಥರವರು ಭಾರತ್ ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗೈಡ್ಸ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಮೊಟ್ಟಮೊದಲ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷೆಯಾಗಿ 1958ರಿಂದ 61ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರು. ಇದಕ್ಕೂ ಮುಂಚೆ ತುಂಬಾ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಈಕೆ ಹಿಂದೂಸ್ಥಾನ್ ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ಸ್‌ನ ಹೆಣ್ಣುಗಂಡು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಬ್ಬರಿಗೂ ಇದ್ದ ಒಂದೇ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯತ ಭಾವನೆ ತುಂಬಿದ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ನೇತಾರ ರಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ಆಗಿದ್ದ ಹಲವಾರು ಸ್ಕೌಟ್ ಗೈಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಒಂದುಗೂಡಿ ಇಂದಿನ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾಗಲು ಶ್ರಮಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ಚಳುವಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ದಿಟ್ಟ ಹೋರಾಟಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಮಕ್ಕಳ, ಮಹಿಳೆಯರ, ದಲಿತರ ಏಳಿಗೆಗಾಗಿ ಬಗೆಬಗೆಯಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಜೂನ್ 5ರಂದು ಮದ್ರಾಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಧನರಾದರು.

ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ಸಂತಿಯವರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಕುಂದಗೋಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಕಲಾಸ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಹೈ. ಪ್ರಾ. ಶಿ. ಸಹಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಸ್ಕೌಟರರು, ಕೇವಲ 27ನೆ ವಯಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇ 18ರಂದು ಹೃದಯಘಾತದಿಂದ ಕಾಲವಾದರು.

ದಿವಂಗತರ ಆತ್ಮಕ್ಕೆ ಭಗವಂತನು ಶಾಂತಿಯನ್ನಿತ್ತು ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಚಿತ್ತಸ್ಥೈರ್ಯ ಸಮಾಧಾನಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಗ್ರಹಿಸಲಿ.

COMING EVENTS

Scout Section

1. Inter, State Visit during October 1978- Maharashtra and Goa.
Two First Class Scouts from each District will be selected : The SHQ will meet 50% of the cost.
2. Joint Commissioners Training course at Besant Park from 11-9-1978 to 16-9-1978.
3. Preliminary Rover Leaders Course during October 1978 at Besant Park.
No Camp fee.
4. Rover Moot and Mountaineering Camp at Jog, Shimoga District. No Camp fee.

Apply to State Headquarter. well in time through your Dt. Associations.

GONE HOME

Sri A. Nagarathnam, Scouter, Bhadravathi passed away on 15-7-1978. He was an active and enthusiastic Scouter. He participated in all the Local Rallies, District Rallies, State Jamborette and National Jamborees. Assisted in many training camps and he was the Assistant Secretary of the Bhadravathi Local Association, and Member of the District Executive Committee, Shimoga.

May his Soul rest in peace.

‘ಸ್ಥಿತಾ’

ಲೇಖಕಿ :
ಜಯಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸನ್

ಸಂಜೆ ಪಾಠಶಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿದ ಸ್ಥಿತಾ ಸಿಟ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ಪುಸ್ತಕದ ಚೀಲವನ್ನು ಮೇಜಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ದಡಮನೆ ಬಿಸುಟಳು. ಮಗುವಿನ ತೊಟ್ಟಿಲನ್ನು ತೂಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಅವರಮ್ಮ ರಾಧಾಬಾಯಿ “ಎನಿದು ಸ್ಥಿತಾ! ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಸದ್ದು ಮಾಡುವುದೇ? ಮಗುವಿಗೆ ಇದೇ ತಾನೇ ನಿದ್ರೆ ಹತ್ತಿದೆ” ಎಂದು ಖಂಡಿಸಿದರು.

ಸ್ಥಿತಾ “ನೀನೇ ಮತ್ತೆ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ‘ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್’ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆನ್ನುತ್ತೀ. ನನಗೆ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಹೊಲಿಸಿಕೊಡು, ಮತ್ತೆ. ಸರಸ್ವತಿ, ವನಜಾ, ಸೌಜನ್ಯ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಜೋಕಾಗಿ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಧರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನೋಡು, ಅಮ್ಮಾ! ‘ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್’ ಗುಂಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಗೆಬಗೆಯ ಆಟಪಾಠಗಳು, ಪೈಪೋಟಿಗಳು... ಎಲ್ಲ ಇವೆಮ್ಮ. ಆಗಾಗ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಸೇರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ‘ಕ್ಯಾಂಪಿ’ಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ‘ಕ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ಫೈರ್’ ಅಂತೂ ಬಲು ಚೆನ್ನವಂತೆ.....”

ರಾಧಾ “ಊಹೂಂ ನಿಮ್ಮ ‘ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್’, ‘ಗರ್ಲ್ಸ್ ಗೈಡ್’ ಸಂಘ, ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ..... ಇವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಮರೆತುಬಿಡು. ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಯೋಚಿಸಲೂ ಸಹ ನನಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿಲ್ಲ. ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಕೈತುಂಬ ಕೆಲಸ. ನೀನೇ ಆಗಲೀ, ಸ್ಕೂಲಿನಿಂದ ಬಂದವಳು. ನನಗಿಷ್ಟು ನೆರವಾಗುವುದು ಬಿಟ್ಟು, ಗರ್ಲ್ಸ್ ಗೈಡ್-ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್.....ಎಂದು ಪುರು ಮಾಡಿಬಿಡುತ್ತೀ. ನಿನಗಂತೂ ನಾನು ಖಂಡಿತ ವಾಗಿಯೂ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಹೊಲಿಸಿ ಕೊಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ... ಅದಿರಲಿ, ನೀನು ಈಗಲೇ ನಾನು ಹೇಳುವ ಕೆಲಸವೇನನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ನಿನ್ನನ್ನು ಹೆಸರಿಟ್ಟು ಕರೆದರೂ ಕೂಡ

‘ಓ’ಗೊಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಂದು ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಸೋಮಾರಿ ಯಾಗಿ ಕುಳಿತರುತ್ತೀ. ಇಲ್ಲ ಆಟ-ಆಟ-ಆಟ. ನಿನ್ನ ಅಮ್ಮನೂ ಅಪ್ಪನೂ ಮಾತ್ರ ನೀನು ಕೇಳಿದುದೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ನಿನ್ನ ಮೈಗಳ್ಳತನಕ್ಕೆ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್, ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಬೇರೆ ಕೇಡು. ಕೋ, ಪಾಪನನ್ನು ಕೊಂಚ ಆಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡರೆ ನಾನೊಲ್ಲ; ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆದ್ದು ಹಾಸಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಚೊಕ್ಕಟವಾಗಿ ಒಪ್ಪಮಾಡು ಎಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಕೈಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಿ. ಹೀಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೂ ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಿ. ನಾನು ನಿನ್ನನ್ನು ‘ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್’ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸದೆನೆಂದರೆ ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಕೆಟ್ಟುಹೋಗುತ್ತೀ ಅಷ್ಟೆ. ಸದಾ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್‌ಗೆ, ಕ್ಯಾಂಪ್, ಕಾಂಪಟೇಷನ್‌ಗೆ ಹೋಗಬೇಕು...ಎಂದನ್ನುತ್ತ ತಿರುಗುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಿ ಅಷ್ಟೆ. ನಿನ್ನಿಂದ ನನಗೆ ಎಳ್ಳಷ್ಟೂ ಸಹಾಯ ಸಿಗದು ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರವಿತ್ತರು.

ಈ ರೀತಿ ಹಲವು ಸಲ ಸ್ಥಿತಳಿಗೂ ಅವಳ ತಾಯಿ ಗೂ ಚರ್ಚೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ, ಸ್ಥಿತಳು ಅಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೇ ಸುಮ್ಮನಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದು ಸಲ, ತನ್ನ ತಂದೆಯ ಹತ್ತಿರಲೂ “ಅಪ್ಪಾ, ಸರಸ್ವತಿ, ವಂದನಾ, ಸೌಜನ್ಯ....ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ತೊಟ್ಟು ಪೋಕಾಗಿ ಓಡಾಡುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆಗಾಗ್ಗೆ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್‌ಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಬಗೆಬಗೆಯ ಆಟಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲಿತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೆಷ್ಟೋ ಮಜಾ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರಂತೆ. ನನಗೂ ಒಂದು ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಹೊಲಿಸಿ ಕೊಡೆಂದು ಅಮ್ಮನಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿಪ್ಪ. ನಾನೂ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿಕೋತೇನೆ” ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಳು.

ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಳ ತಂದೆ “ಮೊದಲು ಅಮ್ಮನಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಬಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಹಾಯಮಾಡು. ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಪಾಠ ಮಾಡಿಕೊ, ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತೀರ್ಣಳಾಗು, ಆ ಮೇಲೆ ಆ ಮಾತು” ಎಂದಂದುಬಿಟ್ಟರು.

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ಆ ಹೊತ್ತು ಶನಿವಾರ. ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆದು ಸ್ಕೂಲು. ಸ್ಕೂಲಿಂದ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹಿಂದಿರುವಾಗ ಸ್ಮಿತಾ ತನ್ನ ಗೆಳತಿ ವಂದನಾಳನ್ನು “ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಊಟ ಮುಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬಾ ವಂದನಾ. ಪಾಂಡೀ ಆಡೋಣ” ಎಂದು ಕರೆದಳು.

ವಂದನಾ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ಎರಡು ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ಬುಲ್ ಬುಲ್ ರೆಲ್ಲರನ್ನು ಸ್ಕೂಲಿಗೆ ಬರಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ‘ಫ್ಲಾಕ್-ಲೀಡರ್’ (Flock-Leader) ಹಸರುಘಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ನಮ್ಮ ನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಪಿಕ್‌ನಿಕ್‌ಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ಬಸ್ ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನೀನೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಕೊಳ್ಳೋ ಸ್ಮಿತಾ. ಈಗ ‘ಬುಲ್ ಬುಲ್’ ಳಾದರೆ, ಕ್ರಮೇಣ ‘ಗರ್ಲ್ಸ್ ಗೈಡ್’ ಆಗಬಹುದು. ಆ ಬಳಿಕ ಒಳ್ಳೇ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರೆ ‘ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಗೈಡ್’ ಆಗಲೂ ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆ. ಆಗ ದೆಹಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಪತಿಯವರ ಕೈಯಿಂದಲೇ ಸ್ವತಃ ‘ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟ್ ಗೈಡ್’ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲುಗೊಂಡರೆ ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟೋ ಉಪಯೋಗಗಳಿವೆ ಸ್ಮಿತಾ ! ನಮಗೂ ಆನಂದ, ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಗೌರವವೂ ಉಂಟು... ಎಂದಳು.

ಸ್ಮಿತಾ “ಸಾಕು ಮಾಡೆ ನಿನ್ನ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ, ನಮ್ಮ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆಯ ಉರಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುತ್ತೀ....”

ವಂದನಾ “ಸ್ಮಿತಾ, ನಾನೊಂದು ಉಪಾಯ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ ಕೇಳು. ನೀನು ಬುಲ್ ಬುಲ್ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ಸೇರದಿದ್ದರೆ ಹೋಗಲಿ. ಪರೋಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ಬುಲ್ ಬುಲ್ಲಳಾಗಿ ಬಿಡು, ಅಷ್ಟೇ”.

ಸ್ಮಿತಾ “ಹಾಗೆಂದರೆ ?”

ವಂದನಾ “ಪ್ರತಿ ಬುಲ್ ಬುಲ್ಲಳೂ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ನೀನೂ ಮಾಡು, ಅದರಂತೆ ನಡಿ, ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಸಾಕು. ಮುಂದೆ ನೀನು ನಿಜವಾದ ಬುಲ್ ಬುಲ್ಲಳಾಗಲು ಸುಲಭ ದಾರಿ ಇದು”.

ಸ್ಮಿತಾ “ಏನದು, ಆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ವಚನ ?”

ವಂದನಾ “ದೇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಕ್ತಿ ಇಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಹಿರಿಯರ ಮಾತಿನಂತೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ. ದಿನವೂ ಒಂದಾದರೂ ಉಪಕಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ” ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮಾಡೀಗ.

ಸ್ಮಿತಾ “ಇಷ್ಟೇನೇ, ಇಗೋ ನಿನ್ನ ಮುಂದೆಯೇ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ” ಎಂದಂದು, ಆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ವಚನವನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೇಳಿಯೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟಳು. ಆ ಬಳಿಕ ವಂದನಾ ತನ್ನ ಮನೆಯ ದಾರಿ ಹಿಡಿದಳು. ಇತ್ತ ಸ್ಮಿತಾ ತನ್ನ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಾರಿಯುದ್ದಕ್ಕೂ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಚಿಂತಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದಳು.

“ಪ್ರತಿನಿತ್ಯವೂ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ, ಮೈ ತೊಳೆದು ಮಡಿಯುಟ್ಟು ದೇವರಿಗೆ ಭಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ನಮಸ್ಕರಿಸುವೆನು. ಇದೇ ದೇವರಿಗೆ ನಾನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಭಕ್ತಿ. ಮತ್ತೆ...ಮತ್ತೆ ಎಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲೂ ಪ್ರಿಯವಾಗಿರುವೆನು. ದಿನವೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಅಜ್ಜಿಯ ಹಾಸಿಗೆ ಕೊಡವಿ ಹಾಸಿ, ತಾಯಿ ತಂದೆಯರಿಗೆ ಸ್ನಾನಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರು ತೋಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟು, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಬಗೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ನೆರವಾಗುವೆನು. ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಬ್ಬಜ್ಜಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕರೆ, ಅವರು ನನ್ನ ಸಹಾಯ ಕೇಳುವುದರ ಮೊದಲು, ನಾನೇ ಮುಂದೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುವೆನು. ಮೊನ್ನೆ, ಅವರು ಪಾಪ, ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿಂದ ತರಕಾರಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಆ ಬುಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಲಾರದೆ ಹೊತ್ತುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದರು. ಅವರು ಬಾಯಿಬಿಟ್ಟು “ಸ್ಮಿತಾ, ಇದನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯ ಪರೆಗೆ ಕೊಂಚ ತಂದುಕೊಡು ತಾಯಿ, ಯಾಕೋ ನನ್ನ ಕೈಲಿ ಹೊರಲಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ” ಎಂದರು. ನಾನಂತೂ ಏನೋ ನೆಪಹೇಳಿಕೊಂಡು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡದೆ ತಲೆತಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದುಬಿಟ್ಟೆ. ಥೂ, ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡಬಾರದಿತ್ತು. ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಯಿಲೆಯವರು, ಮುದುಕರು ಯಾರು ನಿಂತಿದ್ದರೂ ಇನ್ನು ಮೇಲೆ ನನ

ಸ್ಥಳ ಅವರಿಗಿತ್ತು ನಾನು ನಿಲ್ಲುವೆನು....ಅಮ್ಮ, ಅಪ್ಪಾ ಆಗಾಗ ಕೊಡುವ 'ಪಾಕೆಟ್ ಮನಿ'ಗೆ (Pocket money) ಚಾಕಲೇಟ್ ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೈಲಿ ಸೀಸದ ಕಡ್ಡಿ, ರಬ್ಬರ್ ಇವೆಲ್ಲ ಇರುವಾಗ ಅನಾವಶ್ಯಕವಾಗಿ ಕೊಂಡು ದುಂದುವೆಚ್ಚ ಮಾಡೋಲ್ಲ. ಹುಂಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡಿಡುವೆನು. ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ಸೇರಲಿ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ರೋಗಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಔಷಧಿ, ಹಣ್ಣು ಹಂಪಲು ಕೊಳ್ಳಲು, ಬಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕೊಡಲು...ಈ ರೀತಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಕೂಲಲ್ಲಿ ದಾನ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಾರಲ್ಲಾ ಆ ಖರ್ಚಿಗೆ ಟೀಚರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡುವೆನು, ಸ್ಕೂಲಲ್ಲೂ ಅಷ್ಟೇ. ಟೀಚರ ಮೇಜು ಒರಸಿ ಚೊಕ್ಕಟ ಮಾಡುವುದು, ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಒರೆಸುವುದು...ಇಂತಹ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ನಾನಿನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಸೀತಾ ಪಾಪಚ್ಚಿ ಅಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅಮ್ಮನಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಡದೆ, ಮಗುವನ್ನೆತ್ತಿ ಸುಧಾರಿಸುವೆನು. ಅಮ್ಮನಿಗೆ, ಅಪ್ಪನಿಗೆ....ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನೆರವಾಗುವೆನು...ಎಂದು ಸ್ಮಿತಾ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಳು.

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ಆ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಸ್ಮಿತಳ ತಂದೆ ಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕರೆದರು. “ಸ್ಮಿತಾ, ನನ್ನ ಮೇಜನ್ನು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಚೊಕ್ಕಟ ಮಾಡಮ್ಮ. ತುಂಬ ಗಲೀಜಾಗಿದೆ” ಎಂದರು. ಮಲಗಲು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಸ್ಮಿತಾ “ಇಗೋ ಬಂದೆ ಅಪ್ಪಾ” ಎಂದು ಇಂಪಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರವಿತ್ತಳು. ಆ ಕೂಡಲೆ ಒರೆಸುವ ಬಟ್ಟೆ ತಂದು ಮೇಜನ್ನು ಒರೆಸಿ, ಅದರ ಮೇಲಿದ್ದ ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳನ್ನೂ ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಜೋಡಿಸಿಟ್ಟಳು. ಆಗ ಅವರಿಗೆ ತುಂಬ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯ ಆಯಿತು!

ಮರುದಿನ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ತನ್ನ ತಂದೆ ಮುರಳೀಧರ್ ಕೇಳುವುದರೊಳಗಾಗಿಯೇ ಸ್ಮಿತಾ ಶ್ರೀಧರ್ ಮಾಮಾ ಮನೆಗೆ ಓಡಿ ಹೋಗಿ ‘ಡೆಕ್ಕನ್ ಹೆರಾಲ್ಡ್’ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ತಂದು ಅವರ ಕೈಗಿತ್ತಳು, ಶ್ರೀಧರ್ ಮಾಮಾನೂ, ಅವಳ ತಂದೆಯೂ ಆ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದರ ಖರ್ಚನ್ನು ಸರಿಭಾಗವಾಗಿ ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ಮೊದಲು ಮಾಮಾ ಓದಿ, ಎಂಟು ಘಂಟೆಯ ವೇಳೆಗೆ ಇವಳ ತಂದೆಗೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಕೊಡುವ ವಾಡಿಕೆ. ಆದರೆ ಸ್ಮಿತಳ ತಂದೆಗೆ ಆಫೀಸಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ಅವಸರ. ಎಂಟು ಘಂಟೆ ಹೊಡೆಯುವ

ವೇಳೆಗೆ ಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕರೆದು ಪೇಪರ್ ತರಲು ಅಟ್ಟುವರು. ಆದರೆ, ಈ ಮಗಳೋ ಆಗಾಗ್ಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾದರೂ ಹೋಗಿ ಅವಿತುಕೊಂಡು ಕಿವಿ ಕೇಳದವಳಂತೆ ನಟಿಸಿ ಇಷ್ಟರ ವರೆಗೆ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಳು. ಸರಿ, ಮುರಳೀಧರ್ ತಾನೇ ಗೆಳೆಯನ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಪೇಪರ್ ತಂದು ಅವಸರ ಅವಸರವಾಗಿ ಓದುವರು. ಆದರೆ, ಈ ಹೊತ್ತು, ಸ್ಮಿತಳು ಸ್ವತಃ ಹೋಗಿ ಪೇಪರ್ ತಂದು ಕೊಟ್ಟುದು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮಹದಾಶ್ಚರ್ಯವೇ ಆಯಿತು.

ಅಮ್ಮ “ಸ್ಮಿತಾ, ನಿನಗೆ ಸ್ಕೂಲಿಗೆ ಹೊತ್ತಾಯಿತು ಪಾಪ. ಆದರೂ ನನಗೆ ಕೈಬಿಡುವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೊಂಚ ಪುಣ್ಯಾಮಾಮಿಯ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ರವೇ ಜಲ್ಲಡೀ ತಾಮ್ನಾ” ಎಂದರು,

ಸ್ಮಿತಾ “ಇಗೋ ತಂದೆ” ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಪುಣ್ಯಾಮಾಮಿಯ ಮನೆಗೆ ಓಡಿ ಹೋಗಿ ಜಲ್ಲಡಿಯನ್ನು ತಂದೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟಳು. ಅಮ್ಮನಿಗೆಷ್ಟೋ ಸಂತೋಷವಾಯಿತು.

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ವಾರದ ಬಳಿಕ ಒಂದು ಸಂಜೆ ನೆರೆಮನೆಯ ಸರೋಜಾಮಾಮಿ ಬಂದು ಸ್ಮಿತಳ ತಾಯಿಯನ್ನು “ಬನ್ನಿ ರಾಧಾ, ಆಂಜನೇಯನ ಗುಡಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಬರೋಣ” ಎಂದು ಕರೆದರು.

ರಾಧಾ “ಹ್ಯಾಗೆ ಬರಲಿ? ಕೈ ಮಗು ಈ ಹೊತ್ತು ಯಾಕೋ ರಚ್ಚೇ ಹಿಡಿದು ಅಳುತ್ತಿದೆ, ಮೈ ಕೊಂಚ ಬಿಸಿಯಾಗಿದೆ” ಎಂದರು,

ಸರೋಜ “ಏನೂ ಪರವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೊಂಚ ಹೊತ್ತು ಸ್ಮಿತಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಹೇಳಿ, ಬೇಗ ಬಂದು ಬಿಡೋಣ”.

ರಾಧಾ “ಸ್ಮಿತಾ, ಅಟಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದಳು. ಕರೆದರೆ ಬೇಜಾರುಪಡುತ್ತಾಳೆ” ಎಂದು (ಮನದೊಳಗೆ) ಚಿಂತಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಯಾವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಕರೆದು ನೋಡೋಣವೆಂದು “ಸ್ಮಿತಾ, ಲೇ ಸ್ಮಿತಾ” ಎಂದು ಕೂಗಿ ಕರೆದರು. ಬೀದಿಯ

ಬಾಗಿಲ ಮುಂದೆ ತನ್ನ ಗೆಳತಿಯರೊಡನೆ ಆಟವಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಸ್ಥಿತಾ ಅಮ್ಮನ ಕರೆಕೇಳಿ, ಮನೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಓಡಿಬಂದಳು. ಆಟದ ನಡುವೆ ತನ್ನ ಕರೆ ಕೇಳಿಸಿದ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಓಡಿಬಂದ ಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ತಾಯಿಗೆ ಹಿಗ್ಗು. ಸ್ಥಿತಳಿಗೆ ಆಟವನ್ನು ಅಷ್ಟಕ್ಕೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟುಬರುವುದು ಶ್ರಮವಾಗಿತ್ತಾದರೂ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಓಡಿಬಂದಳು. ತಾನಾಗಿಯೇ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ಲಳಾಗಲು ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಲ್ಲವೇ! “ಯಾಕಪ್ಪಾ ಈ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದೆ” ಎಂದು ಆಗಾಗ ಅವಳಿಗೆ ತೋರುತ್ತಿತ್ತು.

ಅಮ್ಮ “ಸರೋಜಾ ಮಾಮಿಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಅಂಜ ನೇಯನ ಗುಡಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಬರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇಕೋ ಪಾಪಚ್ಚಿ ಜೋಪಾನವಾಗಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊ, ಬೇಗವೇ ಬರುತ್ತೇನೆ”

ಸ್ಥಿತಾ “ಆಗಲಮ್ಮ, ಹೋಗಿಬಾ” ಎಂದು ನಯ ವಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತರವಿತ್ತು ಪಾಪಚ್ಚಿಯನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಳು. ಅಮ್ಮ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯಿಂದ ಪುಗಳಕಡೆಗೆ ನೋಡಿದರು. ‘ಧ್ಯಾಂಕ್ಯೂ’ ಚೆನ್ನಾ, ಗುಡಿಯಿಂದ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗುವಾಗ ನೀನು ಕೇಳಿದ, ನೀಲೀ ರಿಬ್ಬನ್ ತರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದದ್ದು, ರಾಧಾಬಾಯಿ ಸರೋಜಮ್ಮನ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಹೊರಟರು.

ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಧಾಬಾಯಿ ವಂದನಾಳನ್ನೂ ಅವಳ ತಾಯಿ ರುಕ್ಮಿಣಿಯಮ್ಮನನ್ನೂ ಸಂಧಿಸಿದರು.

ರುಕ್ಮಿಣಿ “ಕ್ಷೇಮವೇ ರಾಧಾ? ಏನಿದು ಅಪ ರೂಪಕ್ಕೆ ಗುಡಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರಿ? ಕೈಗಾಸು ಎಲ್ಲಿ?” ಎಂದರು.

ರಾಧಾ “ಸ್ಥಿತಳ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ”.

ರುಕ್ಮಿಣಿ “ಸ್ಥಿತಳಂತೂ ನಿಮ್ಮಗೆ ಏನೊಂದ್ರು ಕೆಲಸ ವನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಬೇಜಾರು ಪಡು ತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ? ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಆ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಕೂಸನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಒಪ್ಪಿದಳೇ?”

ರಾಧಾ “ಅದೇ, ನನಗೂ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯ. ಈಗಂತೂ ವಾರದಿಂದ ಅವಳು ಬಲು ಜಾಣೆಯಾಗಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾಳೆ.

ಕಣ್ಣೀ, ನಾನಾಗಲೀ ನನ್ನ ಯಜಮಾನರಾಗಲೀ ಏನು ಕೆಲಸ ಹೇಳಿದರೂ ತುಟಿ ಪಿಟಕ್ ಎನ್ನದೆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಾಳೆ”.

ವಂದನಾ “ಕಾರಣ ನವಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತು! ಹೇಳಲೇ ಮಾಮಿ? ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ಸೇರ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಬಹಳ ಆಸೆ, ಪಾಪ. ನೀವು ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಅಧರ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಹೊಲಿಸಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರಲ್ಲವೇ ಅವಳು ಆ ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ಸೇರಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯ? ನೀವಂತೂ ಒಳ್ಳೆ ವಂದಿರಂತೆ. ಮೊನ್ನೆ ತಾನೇ ನಾನವಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಮಾತೆಂದೆ, ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ಲ ಳಾಗಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಕೆಲವು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳುಂಟು. ಅವನ್ನು ಆದರಿಸಿ, ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಿಸಬೇಕು, ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಬರೀ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಧರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಮೆರೆದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ಲಳಾಗುವುದು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ” ಎಂದು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಥಿತಾ ಏನಂದಳು ಗೊತ್ತೇ? “ಸರಿ, ವಂದನಾ, ಆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವಚನ ಏನೋ ಹೇಳು. ನಾನೂ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದೀಗ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲೇ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ ಎನ್ನಿಸಿಕೊಂಡರೂ ಸರಿ. ಆಗಲಾದರೂ ಅಮ್ಮ ಯೂನಿ ಫಾರಂ ಹೊಲಿಸಿ ಕೊಡಲಪ್ಪ, ಆಗ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ಸೇರಬಹುದಲ್ಲ” ಎಂದಳು. ಆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ನಾನವಳಿಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಅವಳು ಮಾಡಿಬಿಟ್ಟಳು. ಮಾಮಿ, ಅದೇ ಮತ್ತೆ ಈಗ ಅವಳು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಮಗೆಲ್ಲ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಳೆ”.

ರಾಧಾ “ಭೇಷ್ ವಂದನಾ. ನೀನೇ ನಿಜವಾದ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್! ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಥಿತಳನ್ನು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ದಾರಿಗೆ ತಂದುಬಿಟ್ಟೆ! ಧ್ಯಾಂಕ್ಯೂ ಹುಡುಗಿ! ನಾಳೆಯೇ ನಾನವಳಿಗೆ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಹೊಲಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅವಳನ್ನು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್ ಗುಂಪಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ” ಎಂದಂದು ವಂದನಳ ಬೆನ್ನು ತಟ್ಟಿದಳು.

ಅಗೋ ನೋಡಿ! ವಂದನಾ, ಜಲಜಾ, ಸರಸ್ವತಿ, ಸೌಜನ್ಯಾರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಿತಳೂ ‘ಬುಲ್‌ಬುಲ್’ ಯೂನಿ ಫಾರಂ ಧರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ರೀವಿಯಿಂದ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಳೆ! ಇದೀಗ ಅವಳನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ “ಬಹಳ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಹುಡುಗಿ” ಅನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ.

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SCOUT SECTION

Name of the Unit	District Association
1. Govt. Higher Primary School, Anekal.	Bangalore South Rural
2. St. Joseph's Indian High School.	Bangalore South
3. Lahari Eng. School, Hospet.	Bellary
4. Little Flower Higher Primary School.	Bellary
5. Govt. M. P. S. Nittur Troop.	Bidar
6. Lal Bahadur Shastri Open Unit, Saidapurawadi.	Bidar
7. Nethaji Scout Troop.	Bidar
8. Sulthan Troop.	Bidar
9. Govt. M. P. S. Saigoan.	Bidar
10. Rajendra Prasad Group.	Gulbarga
11. Vithal Rao Devolgoanka N. V. Middle Section.	Gulbarga
12. Shri Basweswar Troop.	Gulbarga
13. St. Mary's Scout Troop.	Mysore

GUIDE SECTION

1. Nirmala Rani High School.	Bangalore North
2. Cluny Convent High School.	Bangalore North
3. Holy Angels School.	Bangalore South
4. St. Euphrasia's Girls' High School.	Bangalore South
5. Vidhyamandir Guide Company.	Bangalore South
6. L. M. Telugu Higher Primary School.	Bellary
7. Govt. Girls' High School.	Bellary
8. St. Joseph's High School.	Chikmagalur
9. St. Joseph's Convent ('Udaya Kiran').	Chitradurga
10. Maharani's Arts College ('Kanthi Team').	Bangalore University
11. Maharani's Science College ('Deepak Team')	Bangalore University
12. Maharani's Science College ('Rashmi Team').	Bangalore University
13. Nivedita Guide Company, Udupi.	South Kanara
14. Capitanio High School ('Capitanior Company').	South Kanara

RISE INDIA

Rise India! Thy million lead
With flag aloft unfurled,
From Comorins Point
To Everest Peak,
Stand free before the world

The Triple hues upon the flag
Are joyous tints of dawn.
The white is light of morning air,
The green is strength of life now born

Saffron for sacrifice in need,
In every word and deed,
Faith of our land, glow in our hearts,
That we to evil ne'er may yield

The white is bright sincerity
Translucent, crystal clear,
It is our country's search for truth,
The Pearl to all her sages dear

The green is newly blooming life,
Forever sprouting fresh,
It is our people's deathless youth,
Which slavery can never enmesh.